

**NORTHUMBERLAND NATIONAL PARK and COUNTRYSIDE
JOINT LOCAL ACCESS FORUM**

THURSDAY 6 APRIL 2006

PENNYMUIR HALL, nr HOWNAM (near Jedburgh)

PROGRAMME FOR THE DAY

Site Visit and Talks (1430 – 1700) – JLAF members only

The theme of the meeting is to examine how wider public access is managed in Scotland, the effects of the Land Reform Bill and what opportunities exist for cross-border harmonisation.

1415 Meet at Pennymuir Hall, nr Hownam; refreshments will be available

(references 1:25,000 Sheet OL16 Cheviot Hills and 1:50,000 Sheet 80 Cheviot Hills; grid 755 144; 8 miles south east of Jedburgh; hall is the only building for miles and has a red roof; map on reverse of agenda)

Please wear suitable shoes and bring any personal items with you e.g. waterproofs and as Pennymuir Hall is a small, rustic hall so you may also wish to bring a warm sweater with you as well.

1445 The afternoon session will comprise of a number of presentations with the opportunity for a question and answer session.

- a) Presentation: '*Background to Law Reform Bill, Scotland*'
Marion Mullholland, Scottish Natural Heritage
- b) Presentation: '*Outdoor Access in the Borders*'
Neil McKay, Senior Access Officer, Scottish Borders Council
- c) Presentation: '*Borders Local Access Forum*'
Mrs Anne Fraser, Chair of Borders LAF
- d) Presentation: '*Cheviot Hills Project*'
Iain Hedley, Cheviot Hills Officer

1615 Visit to Pennymuir Roman Camps and short walk on Dere Street

1715 Buffet tea at Pennymuir Hall

1800 Main meeting

2030 End of meeting

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MEETING ON THURSDAY 6 APRIL 2006 1800 - 2030

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MEETING AGENDA

1 Welcome and Apologies

2 Public Participation

To receive any questions submitted by members of the public

3 Declarations of Interest

In accordance with Paragraph 6 of the Local Access Forums (England) Regulations 2002 members are asked to declare any direct or indirect personal interests (including financial) in relation to items on the agenda for this meeting and shall disclose the nature of those interests to the meeting.

4 Minutes of previous meeting held on 19 January 2006 (attached)

5 Matters Arising

Matters Arising from the previous Minute not covered elsewhere on the agenda

- a) Annual Report 2005 – 2006
- b) Mapping Errors and Anomalies

6 Appointing Authorities – Organisational Change and Financial Implications

- a) Update from Catriona Mulligan, Northumberland National Park Authority
- b) Update from David Brookes, Northumberland County Council

7 Updates

- a) CROW update including restrictions, mapping issues and exclusions DB/RM
- b) Consultation on Closures – update on current applications RM/RC
- c) Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) DB
- d) Working Groups – feedback from recent meetings, way forward with recommendations and topics for future meetings KH/PB/RC
- e) Updates from other meetings including the Tyne River Trust, Bristol LAF event and Chairs Meeting etc RC/PB

8 JLAF Action Plan 2006 -2007

To discuss the draft Action Plan Workplan 2006 – 2007 previously circulated to all members for comment.

RC/PB

9 Members' Section

To hear members' individual updates on relevant activities.

All

9 Consultation Documents

RC

To note the DEFRA response received 13 March 2006 to the Consultation doc '*Consultation relating to the amendment of the LAF (England) Regulations 2002*' (the DEFRA response has been circulated to all members)

10 Any other business

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a) Update on the consultation on Salters Road

DB

11 Dates of Future Meetings

Date	Venue	Themes (Provisional)
20 July 2006	Kielder (Forest Enterprise and Northumbrian Water)	Investment in Access Sport England
19 October 2006	Otterburn	Access to publicly owned land used for military purposes
18 January 2007	Kirkharle Courtyard then County Hall, Morpeth	Rural Regeneration including a visit to Kirkharle
19 April 2007	Berwick upon Tweed	Access to Water
July 2007	North Pennines	Lord Crewe Estate
October 2007	Tbc	Northumberland National Park Sport England

In accordance with the provisions of Regulation 7 of The Local Access Forums (England) Regulations 2002 (under Sections 94 and Section 95 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000) the meetings of the Northumberland National Park and Countryside Joint Local Access Forum (JLAF) will be open to the press and public. Members of the press and public are very welcome to attend. Questions can be submitted via the Administrator up to three working days in advance of the meeting. Additional copies of the agenda, minutes and associated reports are available on the Northumberland National Park Authority website at:

<http://www.northumberland-national-park.org.uk/LocalAccessForum/meetingsagendaslaf>

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Members of the Northumberland National Park and Countryside Joint Local Access Forum to 30 April 2006 are:

George Astbury, Bryan Harwood, Richard Cross (Chairman), Erica Bamford, James Boulton, Pamela Brookes (Vice Chair), Alison Carter, Angus Collingwood-Cameron, Jo Deniel-Rowe, Gill Featonby, Graham Gill, Kevin Heyman, Barry Imeson, Paul Kelly, Ted Liddle, Janet Robinson, Susan Rogers, Nick Rossiter, , Michael Walton, Mark Wood